Army MEPRS Program Office Newsletter

Bacon's Bits

Inside this issue:

Welcome to the May edition of your newsletter. It's hard to believe we are now into the 8th month of the fiscal year. I have to admit, for me, there was some relief to hear that our congressional leaders agreed to a compromise that kept the federal government funded for the remainder of the fiscal year. The decision came within an hour of actually shutting the government down and while I was planning for an unexpected vacation! I guess Paris will always be there or is it "We'll always have Paris". Okay, back to reality!

Unfortunately, due to the numerous issues (more than normal around the suspense date) we all were experiencing with DMHRSi and EAS, AMPO thought it was best to re-schedule the SRMC quarterly tele-conference from 13 April to 3 May. The agenda is not finalized; however, we will be discussing GFEBS and Depreciation, the GFEBS Status of Funds (SOF) Report, the new DMHRSi CAC login, and implementation of the 4th level MEPRS Code per team in our Army Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCMH). Jeanie and I attended a PCMH Transformation Conference last week and we have a lot of work ahead of us. We will be working very closely with you and your regional folks to provide the guidance and instructions to ensure a successful implementation. The next regional teleconference will be with the Northern Region in the July-August timeframe.
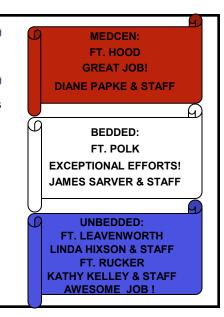
The Memorial Day weekend will soon be upon us and it's the traditional kick off of summer. As we enjoy the day off with BBQs in our back yards, picnics, or at the beach or lake, let us not forget the true meaning of Memorial Day – a reflection of honor, sacrifice and duty. Remember and honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, those in harms ways and their brave families. Take a moment and say thank you to all who have served, fallen and currently serving our great country. Have a good and safe Memorial Day weekend.

Have a great month!

BEST-OF-THE-BEST

Army MTF MEPRS Office personnel are known for their dedication and meticulous performance of their duties. This is evident when reviewing the compliance with requirements placed on them from within their commands along with those imposed by MEDCOM.

MTF Ranking is based on point values assessed for compliance with current FY EAS Timeliness, DMHRSi Timecard Compliance, Financial Reconciliation submission, Narrative submission, and Discrepancies for FY07-FY11 (AMPO Discrepancies, and Unauthorized FTE's). Contact your AMPO analyst for additional details on the ranking methodology.

MEDCEN:
FT. HOOD
GREAT JOB!
DIANE PAPKE & STAFF

BEDDED:
FT. POLK
EXCEPTIONAL EFFORTS!
JAMES SARVER & STAFF

UNBEDDED:
FT. LEAVENWORTH
LINDA HIXSON & STAFF
FT. RUCKER
KATHY KELLEY & STAFF
AWESOME JOB !

EAS IV BOXI and M2 BOXI

DHSS recently upgraded the Business Objects software used to access the MHS Mart (M2). A word of warning though; there is currently no available instructions to run both M2 and EASIV Repository on the same computer. If you use both the M2 and the EASIV Repository, we recommend using the M2 WEBI which is accessed via the web.

AMPO personnel have been advised to use the WEBI version of the software, which does not require any installation, when accessing the M2 to prevent the conflict between M2 and EAS IV Repository. This is easily done by accessing the M2 via the URL: https://tma-bi.csd.disa.mil

SADR Cut-Off Date

According to the MDR board the official cut-off date for SADR (Standard Ambulatory Data Record) is 30 Sept 2011. This means that as of 30 Sept 2011 there will no longer be any SADR files/records being processed by the MDR and made available in the M2. Replacing the SADR will be the CAPER (Comprehensive Ambulatory and Professional Services Record). This file is much more detailed than the SADR as it also includes additional provider information captured in the encounter record.

Operational Inspection Program

REMEMBER: If you have not submitted your completed OIP to your MEPRS analyst and the MEPRS functional mailbox, the suspense date is 31st of May, 2011.

DMHRSi EAS Interface File– Reversing and Transferring hours

During the DMHRSi CAC Implementation teleconference, a question came up regarding whether you should notify AMPO if reversals or transfers were made when validating the EAS Summary View Report. Once the site has made all the corrections and adjustments by reversing or transferring hours, MTF MEPRS POCs should notify their AMPO analyst. AMPO will run a process in the background to correct any errors in the file, and notify the MTF MEPRS POCs when the file is ready.
A trouble ticket has been submitted to correct this issue, in the mean time, please continue to notify AMPO before you generate your EAS Interface file.

Proper Coding of Urinalysis

1. Civilian employees who have to leave the clinic to donate a urine specimen for drug testing will report their time to FCGA.
2. Military personnel designated as a urinalysis monitor report their time to FCGA.
3. Military personnel who report to the company to donate a urine specimen for drug testing will report their time to FEDA.

Questions & Answers

Q: How do I get an Alpha Roster that includes both my assigned personnel and the borrowed personnel with their occupation code and skill type/suffix?

A: Log into DMHRSi Discoverer Viewer using the Army LCA Manager role. Choose the Army MEPRS Personnel Roster folder and the Alpha Roster By People Group worksheet. For User Person Type Like, enter %; for Person Service Like, enter %; for Organization Name like, enter the UIC you want. To get the entire facility, enter the first four characters of the UIC and the % sign. For example, W2H8% will pull up everything at West Point.